

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 11 and 12 are amended to correct informalities and not for any reasons related to patentability.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,698,899. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Terminal Disclaimer

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